

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM SGN

DATE: 03 April 1971

FROM : SZ DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/71/037

SUBJECT: DANANG Station Monthly Report for March 1971

GENERAL

Two major incidents of hostile activity affecting the Danang Air Base occurred during the month of March. On the morning of 4 March ten 122mm rockets impacted in widely dispersed areas causing some damage to five structures but no serious casualties.

There were three separate rocket attacks directed at the air base and surrounding area during the morning of 29 March. The first of these attacks commenced at 01:57 local time and resulted in one 122mm rocket impacting within the station complex. The USAID warehouse absorbed most of the concussion from this explosion but shrapnel damage was widely dispersed. Two VTBs were hit, one of which, after temporary repairs, was ferried to SGN due to extensive skin damage. The RMD offices, transmitter room and the nose hangar also sustained moderate shrapnel damage.

All indicators of station workload reflect a significant increase in operations as compared to the previous few months.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Relations with Embassy and CORDS Air Operations were unusually good throughout March. Aircraft availability was very high since few problems were encountered as a result of inclement weather or crew scheduling. A number of maintenance difficulties were experienced but the customers were very impressed by the speed in which they were corrected.

FACILITIES

USAF Base Civil Engineering has not to date commenced work on resurfacing the 204B touchdown pads or the construction of a gate across the flight line access road. A lack of certain materials has been given as the reason for the delay.

FISCAL

It is expected that payment for the new SZ residence will be made sometime in April.

[REDACTED] payroll for the month totaled: 1,078,643\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 68,970\$VN

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OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time increased 143+05 hours as compared to February. Special flights on the part of AID and increased PC-6 and 204B utilization by the Embassy combined with very few cancellations were the main contributing factors for this increase. June 1970 was the last month in which greater flight time has been reported.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station in March:

VN-91/AID	734+22
VN-91/Embassy	230+17
VN-91/MDC	1+41
Non-Revenue	1+11
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Total	967+31

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Maintenance	1+00
Weather	6+50
Other	12+00 *
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Total	19+50

* Damage repair VIB 9577Z and 204B 1303X.

Two of the seven GTD drivers were on Sick Leave the entire month. The shortage of drivers caused some delays in normal transportation which primarily effected flight crews desiring expedited transport from the air base to the hostel upon the completion of flying. Problems are also being experienced in keeping both micro-busses in reasonable operating condition since no major repairs are being accomplished pending approval of a request to survey these vehicles.

HOSTEL

The hostel occupancy rate again declined slightly. Of 563 beds available, 415 were utilized (70.37%).

Certificates of non-availability for a total of 37 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

The performance of the Motorola UHF/VHF system was noticeably better than the previous month, but for no apparent reason. The primary back-up VHF was in Saigon undergoing repairs most of March so it was indeed fortunate no serious problems were experienced.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1213 and 809 respectively.

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TRAFFIC

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month of March are as follows:

	<u>PAK IN</u>	<u>PAK OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-91/AID	2,872	2,908	310,324	36,232
VN-91/Embassy	433	717	1,700	8,723
AAM	111	117	9,605.8	16,674.9
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Total	3,416	3,742	321,629.8	61,629.9

SECURITY

No significant problems in this area were encountered.

PERSONNEL

One automotive mechanic was daily-hired for a period 17 days to provide adequate coverage in PGMO.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 31 March 1971, was as follows:

Permanent	3	15	12	63
Pre-Process	0	0	0	1
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily-hire	0	0	0	0
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TOTAL (94)	3	15	12	64

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 549 arriving and departing flights as compared to 450 in February. A total of four number 1 services (one PC-6 and three 204B) and three number 2 services (204B) were performed. One engine change was required (PC-6) and five aircraft were grounded for parts (2-VTB, 1-PC6, 1-DHC4, and 1-204B).

RGMD expended a total of 552 manhours of which 220 were attributable to hostel maintenance. Large scale projects included repainting the interior of the main hostel building, and the installation of incandescent iodine lamps and removal of the existing fluorescent lamps in the nose hangar.

USAF Base Supply has been contacted regarding the establishment of a local procedure for the issuance of parts for transiting bailed C123K and C7A aircraft. Progress in this endeavor is pending receipt of complete copies of the concerned contract modifications.

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